

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Stephen N. HUNYOR et al

Serial No.

Filed: Herewith

For: AN ASSIST DEVICE FOR THE FAILING HEART

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A device according to claim 1 wherein said heart compressing wall is generally curved inwardly towards the distal wall when in a normally relaxed condition.

5. (Amended) A device according to claim 1 including a chamber within the main body between the heart compressing wall and said distal wall and being adapted for the ingress or egress of fluid which causes the movement of the heart compressing wall.